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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: David M. Stern et al.

Serial No.: 08/997,464 Group Art Unit: 1635

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For : A METHOD OF EVALUATING THE ABILITY OF A COMPOUND
TO INHIBIT NEUROTOXICITY

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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This Preliminary Amendment is submitted along with the RCE enclosed herewith in connection with the above-identified application. A Notice of Appeal was filed December 4, 2002, making an Appeal Brief due February 4, 2003. Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). The fee for a two-month extension for a small entity is \$205.00. A check for \$580.00 is enclosed, which amount includes the extension fee and the RCE filing fee. With the two-month extension, an Appeal Brief is now due on April 4, 2003, and this Amendment and RCE are being submitted in lieu thereof. Accordingly, this Amendment and RCE are being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

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